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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Jose Reyes,	<u> </u>
Plaintiff,	
v.	Case No.
East Penn Manufacturing Company, Inc.,	<u>'</u> 
Defendant.	İ
	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

#### **COMPLAINT**

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, Jose Reyes, (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff") by and through his attorneys of Kraemer, Manes & Associates LLC, and files this Complaint alleging as follows:

#### I. NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. Plaintiff initiates this action to redress violations of East Penn Manufacturing Company, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant") of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA" - 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.).

#### **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

2. This action is initiated pursuant to federal law. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania has original subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because the claims arise under the laws of the United States.

- 3. This Court may properly maintain personal jurisdiction over Defendant because its contacts with this state and this judicial district are sufficient for the exercise of jurisdiction in order to comply with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice, satisfying the standard set forth by the United States Supreme Court in *International Shoe Co. v. Washington*, 326 U.S. 310 (1945) and its progeny.
- 4. Venue is properly laid in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) and (b)(2) because Defendant resided in and/or conducts business in this judicial district and because a substantial part of the acts and/or omissions giving rise to the claims set forth herein occurred in this judicial district.
- 5. Plaintiff filed a Charge of Discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"). Plaintiff has properly exhausted his administrative proceedings with respect to his EEOC claims by instituting the instant action within ninety (90) days of receiving a right to sue letter from the EEOC. *See* Notice of Right to Sue, attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein as reference.

#### III. PARTIES

- 6. The forgoing paragraphs are incorporated in their entirety as if set forth in full.
- 7. Plaintiff is an adult individual with a primary residence located at 2131 Hampden Blvd., Apt M7, Reading, PA 19604.
- 8. Defendant is a Pennsylvania business corporation with a regular place of business located at 480 Commerce Drive, Landsdowne, PA 19050.
- 9. At all times relevant herein, Defendant acted by and through its agents, servants and employees, each of whom acted at all times relevant herein in the course and scope of their employment with Defendant.

#### IV. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 10. The forgoing paragraphs are incorporated in their entirety as if set forth in full.
- 11. Plaintiff has and continues to suffer from serious health conditions, namely, a hand deformity in his left hand.
- 12. Plaintiff's serious health condition significantly limits several major life activities, including but not limited to grasping, pulling, carrying or any other task that requires the use of two hands.
- 13. On or about August 13, 2014, Plaintiff was hired by Defendant as a Material Handler.
- 14. Despite the aforesaid serious health conditions, at all times relevant herein, Plaintiff was capable of performing all essential functions of hos job with Defendant. However, at times, Plaintiff required reasonable accommodations, including additional time to complete job-related tasks.
- 15. Plaintiff's ability to perform his job with Defendant was evident insofar as, in or around early 2016, Plaintiff's Supervisor, Pat (last name unknown) suggested that Plaintiff bid on an open position with an increased salary.
- 16. In accordance with the suggestion of Pat (last name unknown), Plaintiff applied for and was awarded the open position. As result, Plaintiff was transferred to a different department, but ultimately continued performing the same general job duties as a Material Handler.
- 17. Shortly after being transferred to the new department, Plaintiff began being subjected to varying degrees of antagonism by his co-workers, including being repeatedly told that he was "too slow," even though it was evident that Plaintiff required additional time to complete tasks because of the health conditions related to his left hand.

- 18. Plaintiff was also chastised during a meeting with a Human Resources representative insofar as he was told that he was performing his job duties too slowly.
- 19. In response to the comments referenced in Paragraph 17 and Paragraph 18, Plaintiff advised Defendant's Human Resources representative that any purported issues related to the performance of his job duties was the result of his serious health conditions.
- 20. Plaintiff requested a reasonable accommodation insofar as he requested that he be transferred to a QA position, as said position would allow him to perform tasks that did not require the use of two hands.
- 21. Defendant denied Plaintiff's request to transfer to the QA position based on its assertion that the QA position required a certain certification. However, Plaintiff was aware of at least one other employee who was hired into a QA position without such certification.
- 22. Following Plaintiff's request for accommodations, Defendant repeatedly transferred Plaintiff to positions that required the use of two hands. In so doing, Defendant failed to reasonably accommodate Plaintiff's serious health conditions.
- 23. Each time Plaintiff was transferred, he was subjected to varying degrees of antagonism, including but not limited to:
  - Being threatened with termination by Human Resources representative, Willie Garcia; and
  - Constant jokes regarding his serious health condition.
- 24. As a result of the ongoing antagonism described above, Plaintiff made a verbal complaint of discrimination to Defendant Human Resources representative, Ms. Schneider.
- 25. Within a close temporal proximity of his complaints of discrimination, Plaintiff was suspended and ultimately terminated from employment for allegedly threatening a co-worker.
  - 26. Plaintiff did not at any time threaten any of his co-workers.

- 27. Plaintiff believes, and therefore avers, that he was terminated for untrue and pretextual reasons.
- 28. Plaintiff believes, and therefore avers, that he was terminated because of his disabilities and/or because Defendant regarded him as disabled and/or in retaliation for his complaint of disability-based discrimination.

# Count I <u>Violations of the ADA</u> (Disability Discrimination, Failure to Accommodate and Retaliation)

- 29. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated in their entirety as if set forth in full.
- 30. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff suffered from serious health conditions that significantly impacted one or more major life activities.
- 31. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff was a qualified individual with a disability, as he was fully capable of performing all essential functions of his job with Defendant.
- 32. Plaintiff requested accommodations arising out his serious health conditions, including additional time to complete work-related tasks and a transfer to a position that would not require the use of two hands.
- 33. Defendant denied Plaintiff's request for reasonable accommodations and did not otherwise engage in any meaningful interactive process.
- 34. Defendant subjected Plaintiff to varying degrees of disability-based discrimination and antagonism.
- 35. Plaintiff was terminated within a close temporal proximity of requesting a reasonable accommodation and within a close temporal proximity of complaining of disability-based discrimination.
  - 36. The above actions constitute violations of the ADA.

#### WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Honorable Court enter an order that:

- A. Defendant is to be prohibited from continuing to maintain its illegal policy, practice or custom of discriminating/harassing/retaliating against employees and is to be ordered to promulgate and effective policy against such unlawful acts and to adhere thereto;
- B. Defendant is to compensate Plaintiff, reimburse Plaintiff and make Plaintiff whole for any and all pay and benefits Plaintiff would have received had it not been for Defendant's illegal actions, including but not limited to past lost earnings, future lost earnings, salary, pay increases, bonuses, medical and other benefits, training, promotions and seniority. Plaintiff should be accorded those benefits illegally withheld from the date he first suffered retaliation at the hand of Defendant until the date of verdict;
- C. Plaintiff is to be awarded punitive damages, as permitted by applicable law, in an amount determined by the Court or trier of fact to be appropriate to punish Defendant for its willful, deliberate, malicious and outrageous conduct and to deter Defendant or other employees from engaging in such misconduct in the future;
- D. Plaintiff is to be accorded any and all other equitable and legal relief as the Court deems just, proper and appropriate, including but not limited to, emotional distress and/ or pain and suffering damages (where legally permitted);
- E. Plaintiff is to be awarded the costs and expenses of this action and reasonable legal fees as provided by applicable law;
- F. Any verdict in favor of Plaintiff is to be molded by the Court to maximize the financial recovery available to Plaintiff in light of the caps on certain damages set forth in applicable law; and

G. Plaintiff's claims are to receive a trial by jury to the extent allowed by applicable law.

Plaintiff also has endorsed this demand on the caption of this Complaint in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38(b).

# **EXHIBIT A**

### **U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION**

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